

June 16, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6821.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine long term prospects for improved safety and reliability of the Nation's pipeline infrastructure, focusing on responses to mandates set forth in the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 including specific implementation and results, after receiving testimony from Senator Murray; Samuel G. Bonasso, Deputy Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, Stacey Gerard, Associate Administrator, Office of Pipeline Safety, and Kenneth Mead, Inspector General, all of the Department of Transportation; Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; James L. Connaughton, Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, D.C.; Marc Spitzer, Arizona Corporation Commission, Phoenix; Lois N. Epstein, Cook Inlet Keeper, Anchorage, Alaska; Barry Pearl, TEPPCO Partners, L.P., Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Association Oil Pipe Lines and the American Petroleum Institute; Earl Fischer, Atmos Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Gas Association and the American Public Gas Association; and Robert T. Howard, Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.

ENERGY SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine crude oil supply, gasoline demands and the effects on prices, focusing on the causes and solution to the current fuel situation, including concerns over ability of petroleum markets to rebalance, boutique diesel fuels, proposed

renewable fuel mandate, refinery capacity, after receiving testimony from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, and Dave Berry, Swift Transportation Company, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations, both of Washington, D.C.; and John P. Kilduff, Fimat USA Inc., New York, New York.

FREE TRADE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-Australia and U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreements, focusing on economic, social, and political challenges facing the region and U.S. interests in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Peter F. Allgeier, and Josette Sheeran Shiner, each a Deputy United States Trade Representative; Allen Johnson, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Harold McGraw III, The McGraw-Hill Companies, New York, New York, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; Jon Kneen, Al-Jon, Inc., Ottumwa, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Lynn Cornwell, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Glasgow; Jeffrey W. Ruffner, MSE Technology Applications, Inc., Butte, Montana; John Schulman, Warner Brothers Entertainment, Burbank, California, on behalf of the Entertainment Industry Coalition for Free Trade; David G. Mengebier, CMS Energy Corporation, Jackson, Michigan, on behalf of the U.S.-Morocco FTA Coalition; Ron Heck, Perry, Iowa, on behalf of the American Soybean Association; and Lochiel Edwards, Montana Grain Growers Association, Big Sandy, on behalf of the Wheat Export Trade Education Committee, the National Association of Wheat Growers, and U.S. Wheat Associates.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 39, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current situation in Sudan, focusing on genocide, violence and ethnic cleansing in Darfur, Sudan, humanitarian assistance and development of the infrastructure in southern Sudan, and the potential for famine, after receiving testimony from Charles R. Snyder, Acting Assistant Secretary

of State for African Affairs; Roger P. Winter, Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; John Prendergast, Special Advisor to the President, International Crisis Group; and Julie Flint, Human Rights Watch, London, United Kingdom.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph D. Stafford III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Lewis W. Lucke, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TERRORISM FINANCING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current efforts to combat terrorism financing, focusing on U.S.-Saudi relations, including the Saudi regime strengthening its efforts to reduce the flow of funds from within Saudi Arabia to terrorists, after receiving testimony from Lee S. Wolosky, Boies, Schiller, and Flexner, LLP, Washington, D.C., and Mallory Factor, Mallory Factor, Inc., New York, New York, both on behalf of the Independent Task Force on Terrorist Financing, Council on Foreign Relations; and David D. Aufhauser, Williams and Connolly, LLP, Washington, D.C., former General Counsel, Department of the Treasury.

ADOLESCENT TREATMENT SERVICES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse, and Mental Health Services concluded a hearing to examine substance abuse prevention and treatment services for adolescents, focusing on the effects of binge drinking, and monthly cigarette, beer, and marijuana usage, and the development of the Juvenile Treatment Network, after receiving testimony from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sandra A. Brown, University of California Department of Psychology, San Diego; Roger P. Weissberg, University

of Illinois at Chicago; Rhonda Ramsey-Molina, Coalition for a Drug Free Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ronald P. Anton, Day One, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on behalf of the Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs, and the State Associations of Addiction Services; and Kris Shipley, Pasadena, Maryland, on behalf of the Therapeutic Communities of America.

TRIBAL PARITY ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1530, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; Ross Mooney, Acting Deputy Director of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Michael J. Jandreau, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule, South Dakota; Duane Big Eagle, Sr., Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Fort Thompson, South Dakota; and Michael L. Lawson, Morgan, Angel and Associates, Washington, D.C.

BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2324, to extend the deadline on the use of technology standards for the passports of visa waiver participants, focusing on appropriate security checks, freezing the identity of travelers, matching traveler identities and documents, documenting arrivals and departures, and determining overstays, after receiving testimony from Senator Cantwell; Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Secretary for Border and Transportation Security; and Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain measures to strengthen social security, focusing on what personal retirement accounts do for low-income workers, including reform proposals that could have a variety of effects on the distribution of benefits and payroll taxes, after

receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Jeffrey R. Brown, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Business,

Champaign; Peter J. Ferrara, Institute for Policy Innovation, and the Club for Growth, Jeff Lemieux, Centrists.Org, and Christian E. Weller, Center for American Progress, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4569–4583; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 449–450, and H. Res. 676, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–541);

H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–542);

Report on the Suballocation on the Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2005 (H. Rept. 108–543);

H. Res. 674, providing for consideration of H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–544); and

H. Res. 675, providing for consideration of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–545). **Page H4170**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kirk to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3965**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:34 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Hamid Karzai and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.; and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H3965**

Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a Committee comprised of Representatives

DeLay, Blunt, Pryce (OH), Cox, Goss, Rohrabacher, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Harman, Skelton, and Ackerman and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Santorum, Hutchison, Kyl, Warner, Daschle, Reid, Boxer, and Levin. **Pages H3965–67**

Renewable Energy Project Siting Improvement Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 4513, to provide that in preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement required under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to any action authorizing a renewable energy project, no Federal agency is required to identify alternative project locations or actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 242. **Pages H3981–90, H4132–33**

Agreed to the Pombo amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–540, that clarifies that the environmental review processes in the bill do not apply to oil and gas leasing activities. **Page H3990**

H. Res. 672, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 239, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 238.

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Energy Policy Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 4503, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 244 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 241. **Pages H3990–H4132**

Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a yeas-and-nays vote of 192 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 240.

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H. Res. 671, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 237, after agreeing to